

of raw, I'm still faced with the issue of hazardous waste in the region, and PCBs in Washington Harbor."

Admission often has said that one of his personal goals is to clean up Washington Harbor, which was contaminated by Outboard Marine Co. with PCB wastes. The planned \$27 million toxic waste clean-up was

months.

The Senate reportedly are led by the former village with federal status, who negotiates with the Senate "ultimately."

Admission attended the University of Illinois and the University of Illinois, and has a civil engineering degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Agency cools its efforts on overly warm landfill

By Casey Bukro
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A lengthy effort to smother a smoldering landfill on the city's Far Southeast Side is over for now, although spokesmen for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency quibbled Thursday over whether the widely publicized problem was a fire or a less ominous sounding temperature differential.

It was only a temperature differential, said John Perrecone, a public affairs spokesman for the EPA in Chicago. Perrecone made the comment as he confirmed that the EPA quietly halted emergency operations two weeks ago at U.S. Scrap Co., a six-acre abandoned waste dump at 122d Street and Cottage Grove Avenue.

At one point during the more than three-month episode, neighbors were urged by the EPA to be ready to evacuate in case a barrel of hazardous waste exploded and

released clouds of toxic fumes.

"We never called it a fire," Perrecone said. "We called it a differential between the surface and subsurface temperatures. We are trying to avoid the word 'fire,' although he admitted that word might have been used by other EPA personnel.

Jon Grand, director of EPA's office of public affairs in Chicago, said 65 barrels of paint wastes and several boxes of soil contaminated with paint were dug up.

"We didn't find anything that was explosive or an imminent hazard," Grand said, but he added that underground temperatures at the site reached 147 degrees Fahrenheit.

"We had something burning," Grand said when told that another member of his department was denying it was a fire. "Temperature differential strikes me as odd," Grand said.

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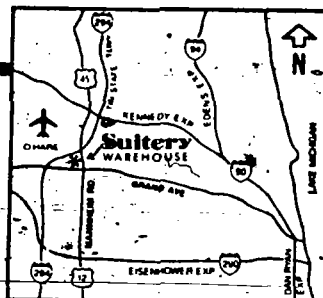
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